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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NEW ITALIAN CHARTER REGULATIONS

REF: ROME A-270 OF JUNE 17, 1976

- 1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF NEW CHARTER REGULATIONS FOR INTERCONTINENTAL FLIGHTS FROM AND TO ITALY (EXCEPT FOR MEDITERRANEAN BASIN COUNTRIES) ISSUED AS CIRCULAR NO. 304502/34 OF FEBRUARY 12, 1977. OFFICIAL COPIES ARE BEING RUN OFF AT THE PRESENT TIME AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN A FEW DAYS.
- 2. MAIN CHANGES FROM REGULATIONS ISSUED ON JUNE 3, 1976 (SEE REFAIR) FOR U.S. ORIGIN TRAFFIC ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- (A) NEW REGULATIONS HAVE NO TERMINAL DATE;
- (B) MINIMUM PRICE PROVISIONS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL MARCH 31, 1978;
- (C) AFFINITY CHARTERS ARE RETAINED UNTIL MARCH 31, 1978; AND (D) PASSENGER LISTS FOR ABC (ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS) MUST BE FILED ONLY 45 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF FLIGHT RATHER THAN 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE.
- 3. DESPITE GOI ACCEPTANCE OF 45 DAY ADVANCE SUBMISSION OF PASSENGER LIST FOR ABC'S, NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR ABC FLIGHT AUTHORIZATIONS BE PRESENTED AND STAMPED BY DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION UNCLASSIFIED

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(CIVILIAVIA) AT LEAST 75 DAYS BEFORE DATE OF FLIGHT OR COMMENCEMENT OF SERIES OF FLIGHTS. ADVANCE NOTICE FOR "OWN USE" CHARTERS HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 30 DAYS TO 20 DAYS.

4. DURING THE ONE YEAR IN WHICH MINIMUM PRICE PROVISIONS ARE SUSPENDED ON FLIGHTS FROM THE U.S., CIVILAVIA WILL

INSPECT PRICES FILED (REQUIRED IN APPLICATIONS FOR FLIGHT AUTHORIZATIONS) AND WILL ASSURE THE PRICES ARE "CONTAINED WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS". FOR TRAVEL GROUP CHARTERS (TGC), HOWEVER, ONLY WHOLESALE CHARTER PRICES NEED BE FILED AND SUBJECTED TO CIVILAVIA CONTROL.

- 5. OTHER CHANGES APPEAR TO BE MINOR. TEXTS IN ITALIAN AND ENGLISH WILL BE SENT UNDER AIRGRAMS.
- 6. /COMMENT/. NEW REGULATIONS ARE MORE LIBERAL THAN
 EXPECTED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OPINION ON LIBERALIZATION AMONG
 ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WAS STRONGLY DIVIDED RIGHT UP TO FINAL
 APPROVAL. LIBERALITY OF RULES SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO OVERCOME
 MOST PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT HAVE RESULTED FOR U.S. CHARTER OPERATORS
 FROM HAVING ARRANGED MANY CHARTER PROGRAMS BEFORE NEW REGULATIONS
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